

The members of the ADC Telecommunications Amateur Radio Club (K0RT) urge the Commission to favorably consider the comments of Hans Brakob, K0HB, John Rippey, W3ULS, and others who have suggested that the vacated "Novice" bands be set aside as a "national park for communications experimenters".

Our club is largely composed of engineers and technicians daily involved in advancing the telecommunications art in the US and around the world. We are concerned that amateur radio seems to be declining as a source of new technicians and engineers in the communications industry. We feel that a "showcase for technology" within the Amateur Radio bands might be a way for the Commission to encourage and focus the excitement of discovery in technological matters among young people, similar to the efforts of ARRL in their "Big Project".

We propose that if such a "preserve" is established, that Technician class licensees be allowed to participate at power levels less than 10W.

Thank you.

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